

SHERIFF VILLANUEVA NEEDS TO RESTORE TRUST IN HIS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva ran for office and was endorsed by many Democratic organizations including the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, he ran on a platform of reforming and restoring trust in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; but, since his election, trust has only been further eroded by numerous complaints of abuse of his office; and

WHEREAS criticisms of Sheriff Villanueva include the illegal rehiring of his former campaign driver, Caren Carl Mandoyan, despite Mandoyan's clear record of misconduct, along with the rehiring of other Deputies accused of serious violations, and the hiring of his son, despite a history of driving under the influence; the creation of the so-called Truth and Reconciliation Panel, which has been used to illegally circumvent the County's Charter-established Civil Service Commission and threatens to be used to rehire 400 more previously fired deputies; pressuring a Sheriff's Department official to cover up a record of misconduct; and, immigrants in the Sheriff's custody continue to be delivered to ICE agents; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles County Democratic Party should hold its endorsed candidates accountable and ask them to represent our values and the standards of good government; the Sheriff has so far failed to adequately address the above concerns, so, we are now making a public appeal to the Sheriff asking him to make significant changes to restore the public's trust in Sheriff's Department;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party recognizes that Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva's actions have eroded the trust of the public, the Sheriff Department's governmental partners, and this body; we call upon Sheriff Villanueva to take immediate actions to restore trust in his department by shutting down the Truth and Reconciliation Panel and reversing all its decisions, returning to traditional hiring practices in line with the Civilian Oversight Commission's recommendations, ending prisoner transfers to ICE through all means including using contractors as middlemen; we also ask the Sheriff to seek guidance from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as to how trust and transparency can be restored in the Sheriff's Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be communicated to Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the members of the County Board of Supervisors.

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